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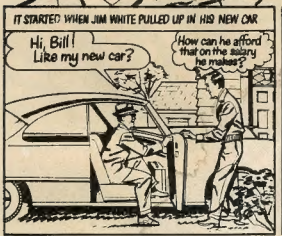
(WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY)

The TRUE STORY of William Bergstrom of Illinois



No, but maybe BETTER! I'm a Mason Shoe Man in off hours. You should see how people buy these shoes! Look, real AIR CUSHION innersoles!
GOSH! Can I make money that way?

Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how to make MONEY. So I mailed a coupon. My wife was thrilled:
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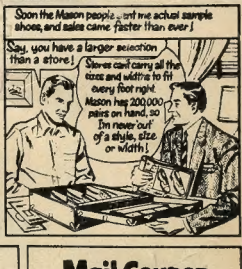
I started with friends, relatives, people where I worked. EVERYBODY wants comfortable shoes!
Just feel that cushion, Joe! Wouldn't you like to "Walk on Air" all day long?
Say, I'd like those shoes. You sure have swell styles... my right size, too!


Soon the Mason people sent me actual sample shoes, and sales came faster than ever!
Say, you have a larger selection than a store!
Stores can't carry all the sizes and widths to fit every foot right. Mason has 200,000 pairs on hand, so I'm never out of a style, size or width!

My spare-time business grew by leaps and bounds. It was a cinch getting repeat orders!
Hello, Mr. Jones. It's been 2 months since I've called on you
Come in, Mr. Bergstrom. Time I was getting another pair of Mason shoes.
My wife needs a pair, too.
Never had a shoe fit so well

I soon had a business that brought me over $3,000 EXTRA a year, plus exciting prizes
I found real security
Bill! a new toaster!
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You bet I want to start making a small fortune in spare time! Rush my FREE SELLING OUTFIT with everything I need to start making money my first hour!

Name_____ Age____

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in 'JUSTICE, COUNTRY STYLE'

AT FIRST IT SHAPED UP AS JUST ANOTHER BASEBALL GAME WITH A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY THROWN IN BUT THE TEAM AND ROOKIE COP SAM BARTON GOT THEMSELVES MIXED UP IN BIG CITY CRIME IN A TOWN WHERE THE SIDEWALKS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TAKEN IN AT NIGHT!

IT ALL STARTED WITH AN INVITATION TO A GAME FROM A BASEBALL TEAM FROM A SMALL TOWN UPSTATE!
HEY, FELLAS! THE ORRVILLE TEAM WANTS TO PLAY US -- AND THEY'RE INVITING US TO STAY UP THERE A WEEK BESIDES!
SOUNDS GREAT! WHEN DO WE LEAVE?

HOLD IT! WE'LL HAVE TO GET AN ADULT TO GO WITH US, SAM'S BEEN COACHING US -- MAYBE HE'LL GO!
I HEARD IT ALL, DANNY! AND A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY SOUNDS FINE TO ME! I'LL SEE IF I CAN USE SOME VACATION TIME WITH YOU BOYS!

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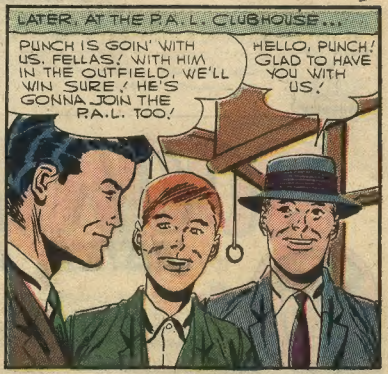
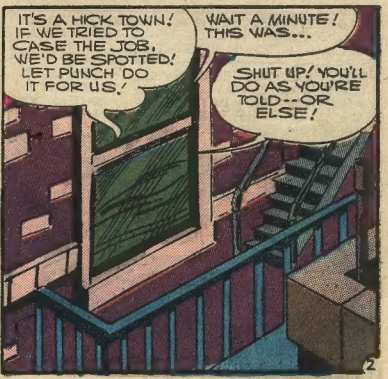
ROOKIE COP SAM BARTON HAD NO TROUBLE ARRANGING FOR THE TIME OFF...
MAKE SURE THE BOYS WIN, BARTON -- AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE LOCAL POLICE! YOU JUST MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING!
I'LL DO THAT, SIR!

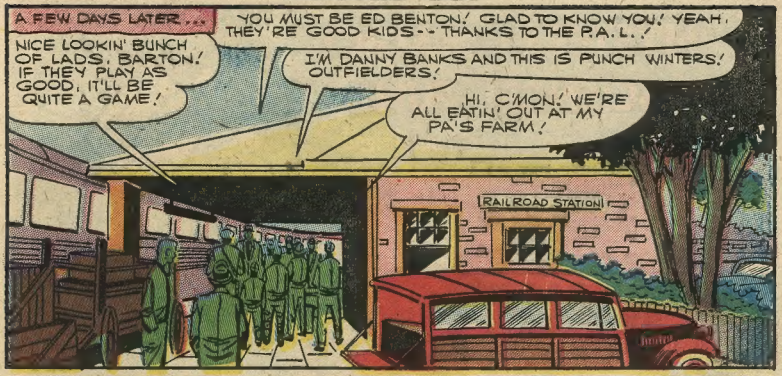

LATER, AT THE P.A.L. CLUBHOUSE...
PUNCH IS GOIN' WITH US, FELLAS! WITH HIM IN THE OUTFIELD, WE'LL WIN SURE! HE'S GONNA JOIN THE P.A.L. TOO!
HELLO, PUNCH! GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US!

I...I DUNNO! MAYBE MY BROTHER BEN WON'T LET ME GO! I'LL SEE YUH, DANNY!
SEE ME, PUNCH -- AND SAY HELLO TO BEN FOR ME!

THE KID IN PUNCH WINTERS, WANTED TO MAKE THE TRIP -- BUT THE SWAGGERING IMITATOR OF A CRIMINAL BROTHER, BEN WINTERS, THOUGHT IT WAS KID STUFF...
HI, PUNCH! I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN'T MAKE A BUCK CHASIN' A BASEBALL AROUND!
LAY OFF, BEN! LISTEN, I GOT A CHANCE TO GO UP TO ORRVILLE FOR A WEEK TO PLAY! THINK I SHOULD GO?

NAH! WE C'N USE YUH HERE WORKING LOOK-OUT WHILE WE GRAB CARS!
HOLD IT! I READ ABOUT ORRVILLE! THEY HAVE A LITTLE COUNTRY BANK THAT CARRIES A BUSHEL OF CASH ON HAND!

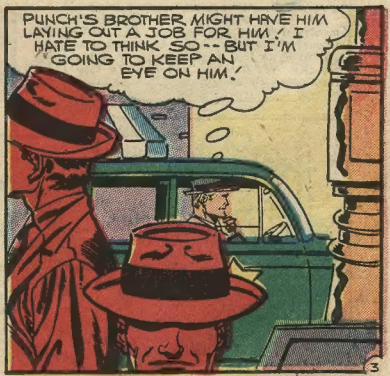

IT'S A HICK TOWN! IF WE TRIED TO CASE THE JOB, WE'D BE SPOTTED! LET PUNCH DO IT FOR US!
WAIT A MINUTE! THIS WAS...
SHUT UP! YOU'LL DO AS YOU'RE TOLD -- OR ELSE!


A FEW DAYS LATER...
YOU MUST BE ED BENTON! GLAD TO KNOW YOU! YEAH, THEY'RE GOOD KIDS -- THANKS TO THE P.A.L.!
NICE LOOKIN' BUNCH OF LADS, BARTON! IF THEY PLAY AS GOOD, IT'LL BE QUITE A GAME!
I'M DANNY BANKS AND THIS IS PUNCH WINTERS! OUTFIELDERS!
HI, C'MON! WE'RE ALL EATIN' OUT AT MY PA'S FARM!
RAILROAD STATION!

THE CITY BOYS PRACTICED, THEN WANDERED AROUND, ENJOYING THE COUNTRY -- EXCEPT FOR ONE -- PUNCH...
GEE! I WISH BEN AND CAL WOULD LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS, I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL! I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT OR BEN WILL GET REAL --

HELLO, PUNCH! THINKING OF OPENING AN ACCOUNT HERE?
-HUH? OH, MR. BARTON! NO, I... UH... I JUST KINDA WANDERED IN! SEE YUH!

...AND SAM DID SEE HIM ...IN STRANGE PLACES...
DON'T STOP, ED! WHERE DOES THAT DIRT ROAD GO?
WANDERS AROUND TILL IT HITS THE STATE ROAD ABOUT SIX MILES UP! WHY?


PUNCH'S BROTHER MIGHT HAVE HIM LAYING OUT A JOB FOR HIM! I HATE TO THINK SO -- BUT I'M GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!

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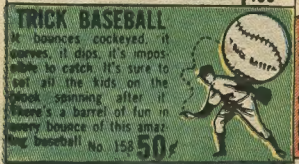

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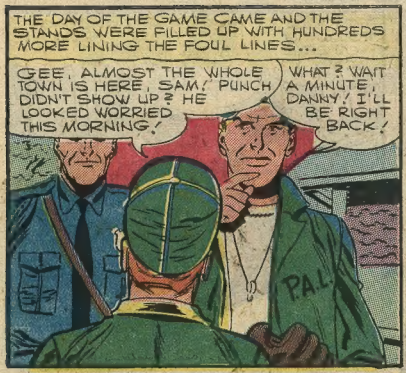
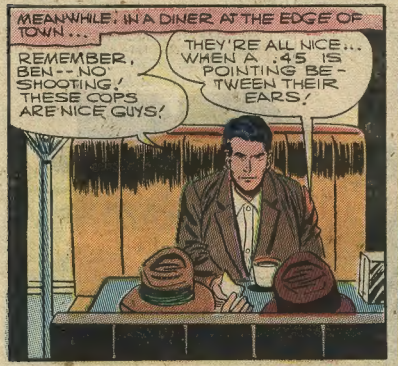
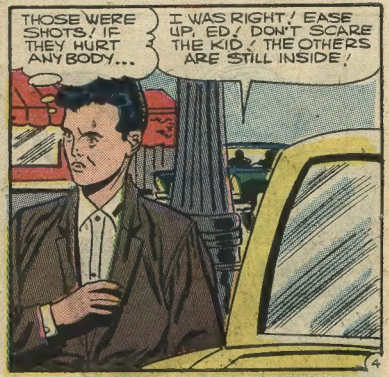

THE DAY OF THE GAME CAME AND THE STANDS WERE FILLED UP WITH HUNDREDS MORE LINING THE FOUL LINES...
GEE, ALMOST THE WHOLE TOWN IS HERE, SAM! PUNCH DIDN'T SHOW UP? HE LOOKED WORRIED THIS MORNING!
WHAT? WAIT A MINUTE, DANNY! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
PAL

DON'T ASK QUESTIONS ED! LET'S GET YOUR CAR AND HEAD FOR TOWN, FAST!


MEANWHILE, IN A DINER AT THE EDGE OF TOWN...
REMEMBER, BEN--NO SHOOTING! THESE COPS ARE NICE GUYS!
THEY'RE ALL NICE... WHEN A .45 IS POINTING BE-TWEEN THEIR EARS!

WAIT, BEN! I WON'T LET... OWW!
SHUT UP, PUNCH! FROM NOW ON THIS IS FOR REAL! YOU'LL BE A LOOK OUT FOR US!

THIS IS A STICK-UP! STAY AWAY FROM THE ALARMS AND YOU'LL LIVE!
I GOT THIS JOKER, BUDDY!


THOSE WERE SHOTS! IF THEY HURT ANY BODY...
I WAS RIGHT! EASE UP, ED! DON'T SCARE THE KID! THE OTHERS ARE STILL INSIDE!

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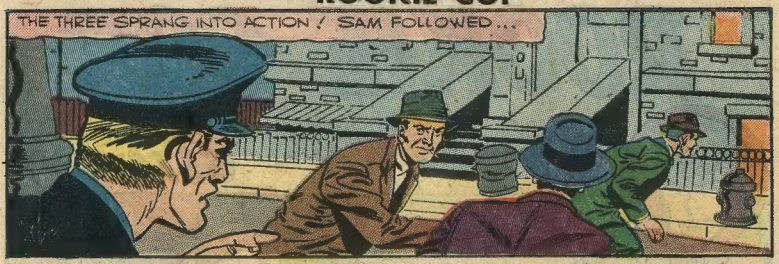
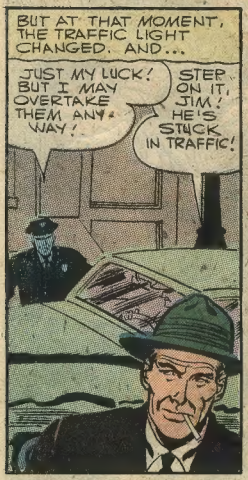
WHAT'S THE MATTER, PUNCH? WHY AREN'T YOU AT THE GAME?
I...I...
THEY WON'T FOLLOW US, YOU DRIVE, CAL!
A COP! A NOSEY, SMALL TOWN COP! I'LL FIX 'IM!
NO--YOU PROMISED!
GET AWAY, YOU CRAZY... UGHH!
I SMELLED THIS JOB COMING, WINTERS!
WHO... BARTON! I MIGHT'VE KNOWN YOU'D HORN IN-- EVEN UP HERE!
BEN WINTERS AND CAL DAVISON WERE BOTH REPEATERS AND GOT LONG SENTENCES. YOUNG PUNCH WINTERS WAS TREATED DIFFERENTLY...
ALL RIGHT, OFFICER! I'LL PAROLE YOUNG WINTERS IN YOUR CUSTODY! I KNOW WHAT A GOOD JOB THE P.A.L. IS DOING!
THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR! HE WON'T LET US DOWN!
END

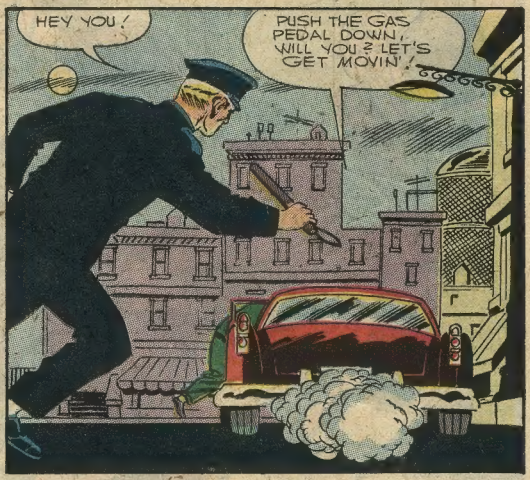
ROOKIE COP

IT WAS JUST A HUNCH THAT CAUSED SAM BARTON, ROOKIE PATROLMAN, TO QUESTION THE THREE LOITERERS! BUT HE KNEW HIS HUNCH WAS RIGHT WHEN THE TRIO MADE ITS... **GETAWAY!**

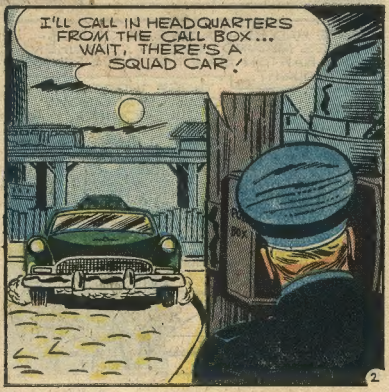
THERE HAD BEEN A SERIES OF ROBBERIES AROUND THE CITY! SO WHEN SAM BARTON SAW THE THREE PUNKS, HE THOUGHT...
THOSE THREE MEN COULD STAND SOME QUESTIONING!


THE THREE SPRANG INTO ACTION! SAM FOLLOWED...


BUT AT THAT MOMENT, THE TRAFFIC LIGHT CHANGED. AND...
JUST MY LUCK! BUT I MAY OVERTAKE THEM ANY WAY!
STEP ON IT, JIM! HE'S STUCK IN TRAFFIC!


HEY YOU!
PUSH THE GAS PEDAL DOWN, WILL YOU? LET'S GET MOVIN'!

LICENSE ZY 28-45-6-6-2! I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF IT!


I'LL CALL IN HEADQUARTERS FROM THE CALL BOX... WAIT, THERE'S A SQUAD CAR!

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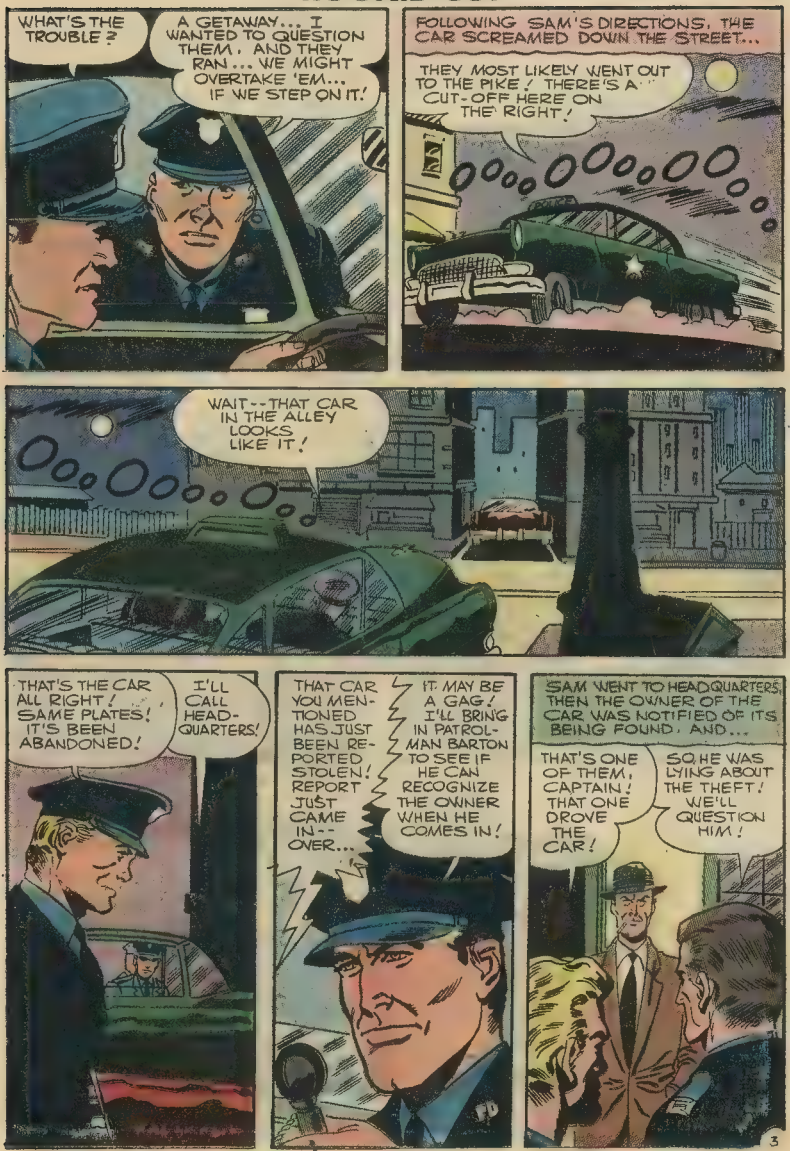
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
A GETAWAY... I WANTED TO QUESTION THEM, AND THEY RAN... WE MIGHT OVERTAKE 'EM... IF WE STEP ON IT!
FOLLOWING SAM'S DIRECTIONS, THE CAR SCREAMED DOWN THE STREET...
THEY MOST LIKELY WENT OUT TO THE PIKE! THERE'S A CUT-OFF HERE ON THE RIGHT!
WAIT--THAT CAR IN THE ALLEY LOOKS LIKE IT!
THAT'S THE CAR ALL RIGHT! SAME PLATES! IT'S BEEN ABANDONED!
I'LL CALL HEAD-QUARTERS!
THAT CAR YOU MEN-TIONED HAS JUST BEEN RE-PORTED STOLEN! REPORT JUST CAME IN-- OVER...
IT MAY BE A GAG! I'LL BRING IN PATROL-MAN BARTON TO SEE IF HE CAN RECOGNIZE THE OWNER WHEN HE COMES IN!
SAM WENT TO HEADQUARTERS, THEN THE OWNER OF THE CAR WAS NOTIFIED OF ITS BEING FOUND, AND...
THAT'S ONE OF THEM, CAPTAIN! THAT ONE DROVE THE CAR!
SO HE WAS LYING ABOUT THE THEFT! WE'LL QUESTION HIM!

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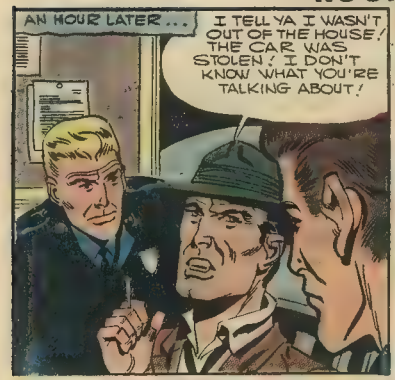
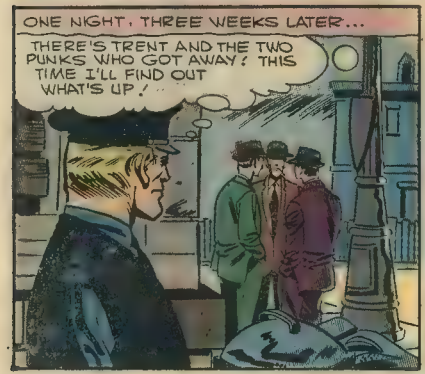
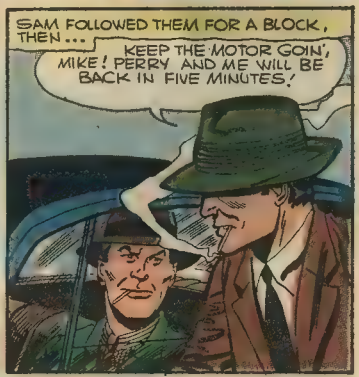

AN HOUR LATER...
I TELL YA I WASN'T OUT OF THE HOUSE! THE CAR WAS STOLEN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

SAM CALLED THE CAPTAIN ASIDE...
THE ADDRESS TRENT GAVE FOR HIS HOME IS ON MY BEAT! IF YOU HAVE TO LET HIM GO, I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
GOOD IDEA, BARTON! LET THEM THINK THE HEAT IS OFF! AFTER ALL, WE DON'T HAVE A RECORD OF TRENT'S ARRESTS ANYWHERE, AND ACTUALLY, WE HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING TO HOLD HIM ON!


ONE NIGHT, THREE WEEKS LATER...
THERE'S TRENT AND THE TWO PUNKS WHO GOT AWAY! THIS TIME I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S UP!


SAM FOLLOWED THEM FOR A BLOCK, THEN...
KEEP THE MOTOR GOIN', MIKE! PERRY AND ME WILL BE BACK IN FIVE MINUTES!

THIS COULD BE IT! KEEPING THE MOTOR GOING FOR A GETAWAY!
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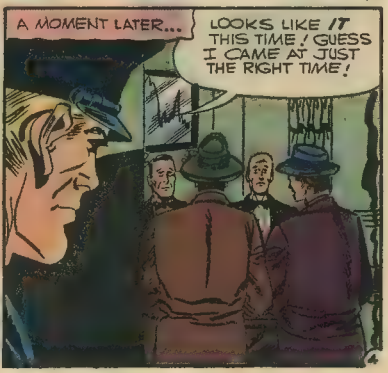
A MOMENT LATER...
LOOKS LIKE IT THIS TIME! GUESS I CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME!

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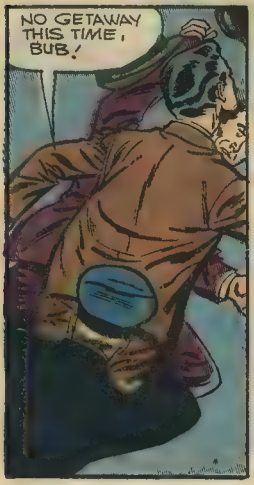
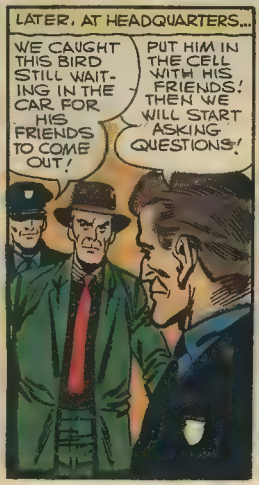
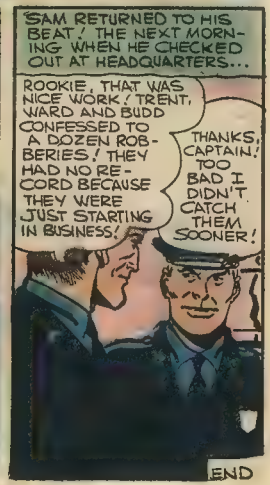
SAM SPRINTED FOR THE SIDE DOOR! IT LOOKED AS THOUGH THE TWO WOULD MAKE IT AGAIN...




LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS...
WE CAUGHT THIS BIRD STILL WAITING IN THE CAR FOR HIS FRIENDS TO COME OUT!
PUT HIM IN THE CELL WITH HIS FRIENDS! THEN WE WILL START ASKING QUESTIONS!


SAM RETURNED TO HIS BEAT. THE NEXT MORNING WHEN HE CHECKED OUT AT HEADQUARTERS...
ROOKIE, THAT WAS NICE WORK. TRENT, WARD AND BUDD CONFESSED TO A DOZEN ROBBERIES. THEY HAD NO RECORD BECAUSE THEY WERE JUST STARTING IN BUSINESS!
THANKS, CAPTAIN. TOO BAD I DIDN'T CATCH THEM SOONER!
END

BOXCAR BENNY
MAN OF PROPERTY!
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I'M NOT KIDDING YOU! I DID FALL INTO A PIECE OF PROPERTY-
-A GUY LEFT HIS COAL SHUTE OPEN AND I FELL INTO IT!
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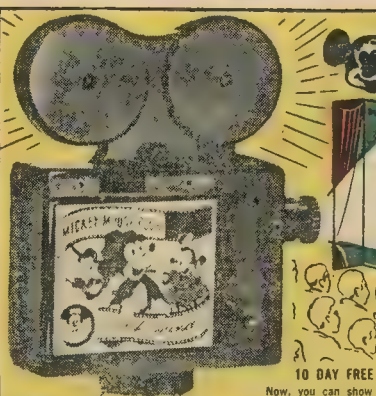

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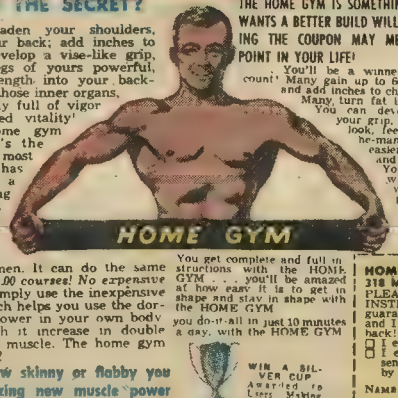

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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!

Switch Swindle

"My brother-in-law likes to make things," said Detective Al Norton to his buddy, Detective Ben Egan. "Joe is a frustrated carpenter. Give him a hammer, a saw, some nails and he's very happy. Did I ever show you the bookcase he made for me? Next time you come over the house, remind me to show it to you. Joe buys a lot of books on how to make things yourself. A couple of months ago he decided to build himself a boat. He takes Jane and his two kids up to Lake Kioga every summer and claims it is much cheaper to build your own boat rather than rent one every year. So he sends away for a kit. Would you believe it? They actually have a boat all cut up. All you have to do is put it together. You need only to follow directions.

So my brother-in-law is going to surprise everybody. He starts to put the boat together. Now don't start all at once to make fun out of Joe. He knows where the bottom of a boat should be. Every night he works on the boat, and when it is finished what do you think he does? He calls us on the phone and says he is going to have a party. I took the missus there. We had good food to eat. It was a wonderful boat, but Joe won't be able to use it at all."

"What's wrong with the boat?" asked Detective Ben Egan. "Did he build it so heavy it will sink when launched? Or did he forget to plug up the holes on the side of the boat?"

"He just forgot to measure his doorway," sighed Detective Al Norton. "He can't get it out of the door, nor out of the windows. He will have to remove the side of his house to get the boat out."

The phone rang and Al Norton answered it. No need to continue on the topic of boats.

"Chief Mirkus wants us in his office at once. Says he has a victim of the gypsy swindle trick in the outer office. We have to start on this case at once. Come on! We can't keep the Chief or the poor victim waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from the ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was open and they walked in.

"The D. A.'s office has been doing a good job in keeping the gypsy swindlers out of town. How did this happen?" asked Detective Al Norton.

"Looks as though the opportunity came and the so-called gypsy spotted a sucker," replied Chief Edward Mirkus. "It has all the marks of a first-time for the swindler. I'll have the victim brought in here and he'll tell you his story."

The Chief rang a bell and a patrolman escorted a small middle-aged man into his office. He was partly bald and well dressed in a blue suit.

"Mr. Henry Thompson," introduced the Chief. "I want you to meet two of my best Detectives, Al Norton and Ben Egan. Tell them everything. They'll try their best to recover your money for you."

"As I look back now, I guess I was just plain stupid," admitted Mr. Thompson. "In the afternoon I have tea and muffins at the Newtown Tea Shop run by a Mrs. Hilda Newtown. I have a part time job just to keep myself busy. I retired ten years ago when I sold my own business. A lot of nice women come to this tea shop. Mrs. Newtown had a woman dressed like a gypsy. She had red flaming hair.

She spoke to people and said she could read their characters. Said I was a very nice man, honest, but never would have a lot of money. I told her she was right twice and wrong once. I did have a lot of money. I admitted I could bring over and show her fifteen thousand dollars. She said if I did this, she would bless the money and if I invested it, I would make more money. And she wouldn't charge me a cent for the service."

"So what did you do?" interrupted Detective Al Norton. "Run right home and take the money from your secret hiding place?"

"Somebody must have told you," replied Mr. Thompson. "That's exactly what I did. The tea shop was empty when I returned. She took me

to a back table. I showed her the money. She took the money from me and wrapped it up in a piece of brown paper. Then she muttered something I couldn't understand. Told me to wait twenty minutes and then open the paper. She left the table. I waited twenty minutes. When I opened the paper, my money wasn't there! Only pieces of newspaper cut to the size of my money. How did she do it? Right in front of my own two eyes."

"She had another bundle made up," explained Detective Ben Egan.

"She switched bundles. Probably dropped yours into her lap. Suppose we go over and visit the Newtown Tea Shop and see if we can get a clue as to the whereabouts of this swindling gypsy."

Twenty minutes later, the two detectives and Mr. Thompson were facing Mrs. Hilda Newtown. She was most apologetic.

"I feel so terrible about it all. I hired the girl only two weeks ago. Gave her name as Helen Gunnerson. She worked for very little money. Sort of entertained the women. Told them flattering things about themselves. Women like to hear nice things. I did not permit her to read tea leaves nor to charge. I can see now what her game was. Waiting for somebody with money. Is there anything else I can tell you?"

"If you have her correct address, we will visit her," replied Detective Ben Egan.

"I can give you her correct address," explained Mrs. Newtown. "She left a package here last week. Called up and said it was very important I send it over to her. So 245 Pinehurst Avenue must be where she lives."

The two detectives drove over with Mr. Thompson to the address. Once the neighborhood had seen better times. Now the brownstone houses were all boarding houses. A thin woman answered the bell. When shown the credentials she immediately escorted the three men into her living room.

"Helen Gunnerson left yesterday. Packed everything in a hurry. My husband called a cab for her. That's all I know."

"What color hair did she have?" asked Detective Ben Egan.

"Dark black hair," replied the woman.

"So it was a red wig," commented Detective Al Norton.

"If your husband called a cab, maybe he could help us find the cab and driver," suggested Detective Ben Egan.

"Mike, come in here and help the police," shouted the woman.

The husband came into the living room and then the four men walked down the street and turned left on the avenue. Three cabs were parked there. Mike pointed out the second cab.

"That's the driver," said Mike. "I know him. He'll help you if he can."

Sam Latterly had been a cabby for twenty years. He had a lot to tell.

"Sure I can remember the dame. She wanted me to take her to the bus station. I told her business was slow. For a flat fee I would drive her anyplace within sixty miles of the city. I took her to a small house in Maplewood. Its on the corner of Main Street and Fourth. Painted pink. What a funny color for a house."

"So to Maplewood we go," said Detective Ben Egan. "Come on with us, Mr. Thompson. We need you to identify a woman who wore a red wig and made you part with your hard earned money."

It was eight that evening when a young lady with dark black hair opened the door of her house slightly.

"If you have anything to sell, I won't buy. Try the house down the corner."

"We want you to meet somebody you know," smiled Detective Ben Egan. "You took something from Mr. Henry Thompson. He wants it back."

There was astonishment written all over the face of the young girl. As though she couldn't believe what she was seeing. Finally she opened the door and allowed the three men into the house.

"Please don't tell my aunt about this," she pleaded. "I'll return the money and you all go back and forget it."

"The money you will return," said Detective Ben Egan firmly. "But you will return with us. You can do it willingly, or we will have a warrant within a hour."

The young lady left with the two detectives. As she sat in the back of the car she cried.

"I didn't think I would ever be caught."

"Something every one says when the law catches up with them," half scolded Detective Al Norton. "However you will have a lot of time on your hands to decide to be straight in the future."

THE END

ROOKIE COP in 'TREAT 'EM ROUGH'

SOME PEOPLE SAY, "A MAN CAN NEVER CHANGE!" IF THIS BE TRUE, A BAD MAN CAN NEVER BECOME GOOD... SO THEY FOLLOW ONE RULE *TREAT 'EM ROUGH!* ...BUT A MAN *CAN* CHANGE, AND BAD *CAN* BECOME GOOD, SO IF YOU MUST FOLLOW A RULE, STICK TO *THE GOLDEN RULE*...

HONEST, BAGGET, I'M LEGIT! I GOT A JOB IN THE PARKIN' LOT DOWN HERE! I AIN'T GOT A GUN ON ME!
I CAN VOUCH FOR HIM, MILES!
HE DID TIME FOR A STICK-UP!--BUT ALRIGHT SAM! IF YOU SAY SO!...
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I JUST DON'T TRUST EX CONS SAM! A LEOPARD JUST DOESN'T CHANGE HIS SPOTS!
I THINK YOU'RE WRONG, MILES! A MAN DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE!

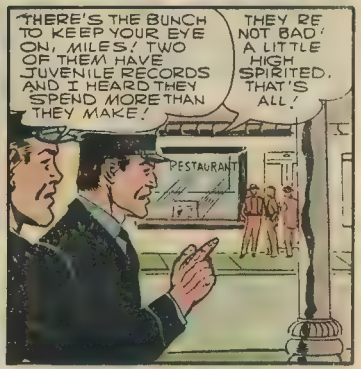
BAGGET WAS A GOOD COP... HARD AND HONEST AND HIS RECORD WAS GOOD...

ROOKIE COP

ALRIGHT DUNPHRY--WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO?
LAY OFF, BAGGET! I'M THROUGH WITH MY PAROLE! I'VE BEEN WORKING STEADY EVER SINCE I GOT OUT!

SID DUNPHRY WENT HIS WAY--- BUT BAGGET WAS STILL UNEASY ABOUT HIM...

IT'S NO GOOD SAM--- A GUY LIKE SID, DOESN'T LIKE HONEST WORK! I DON'T TRUST HIM! I'M GONNA KEEP MY EYE ON HIM YOU CAN BE SURE OF THAT!
ROCKE'S LAUNDRY

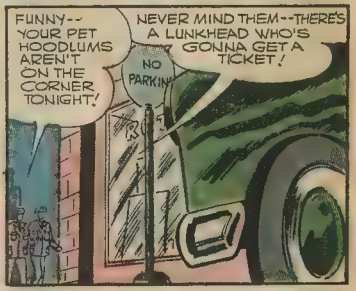

THERE'S THE BUNCH TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON, MILES! TWO OF THEM HAVE JUVENILE RECORDS AND I HEARD THEY SPEND MORE THAN THEY MAKE!
THEY RE NOT BAD! A LITTLE HIGH SPIRITED, THAT'S ALL!
RESTAURANT

ROOKIE COP

GO ON HOME, KIDS, OR YOU'LL GET INTO TROUBLE! IT'S ALL OVER, SAM! THE GUYS ALL RIGHT! FOR-GET IT!
OKAY, MILES! BUT I WON'T FORGET THAT BUNCH!

THEN SAM BARTON WAS ON ALONE A FEW NIGHTS! HE WORKED THE WAY HE THOUGHT WAS RIGHT...
SO YOU HAVE A WIFE AND BABY NOW, EH? YOU HAVE A GOOD START, SID!
YEAH, BUT BAGGET STILL DOESN'T TRUST ME! HE OUGHT TO SPEND MORE TIME WATCHING JUG'S BUNCH DOWN AT THE CORNER!

SAM KNEW THEY WERE STEALING, BUT IT WASN'T TILL HE AND BAGGET WERE ON DUTY THREE NIGHTS LATER THAT HE KNEW FOR SURE...



ROOKIE COP

DROP THAT GUN BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT, SONNY!
IT'S THE COPS!
NICE GOING, SAM! WE GOT 'EM ALL!
I HOPE SO!
GOOD THING BAGGET NEVER STARTED THAT TICKET! HE WON'T WRITE ANY MORE, EITHER!
LOOK OUT!
THE WAGON'S ON THE WAY, MILES! THESE GUYS WILL BE OFF OUR HANDS IN A FEW MINUTES!
IT CAN'T BE TOO SOON! IF IT WASN'T FOR SID, THAT RAT COULD'VE GOTTEN ME!
LATER...
I OWE YOU BOTH AN APOLOGY, BOYS! I WAS WRONG! I WON'T SAY ANY MORE ABOUT IT -- BUT, SAY, THIS COFFEE IS GOOD, SID!
I TOLD YOU SO, MILES!
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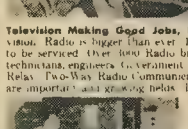

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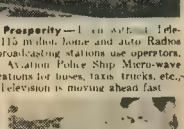

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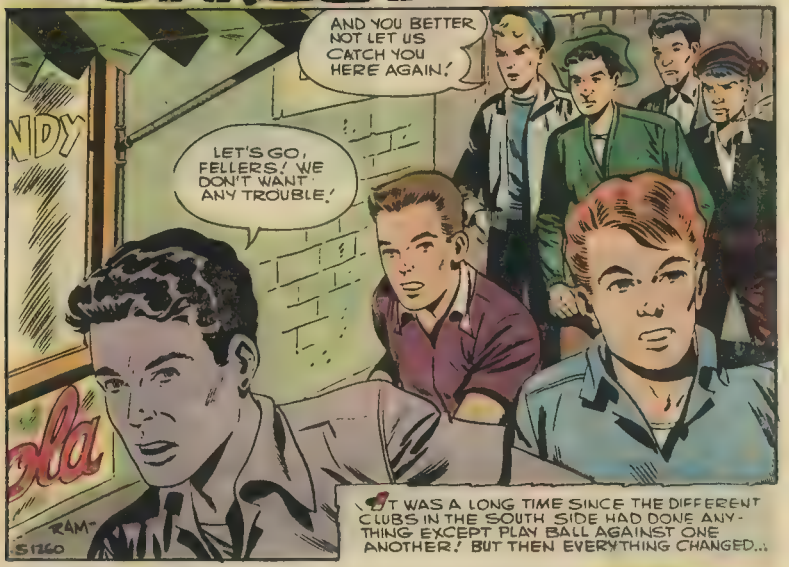
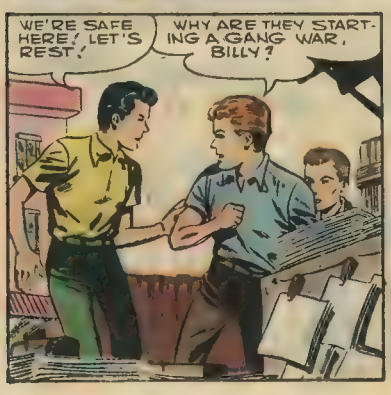
ROOKIE COP

TROUBLE in the STREET

BOYS NATURALLY BAND TOGETHER INTO CLUBS OR GANGS. MOST OF THE TIME IT'S JUST A WAY FOR THEM TO HAVE FUN AND TO LEARN TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY. BUT SOMETIMES GROWN-UPS MISINTERPRET THIS NATURAL HERD INSTINCT



IT WAS A LONG TIME SINCE THE DIFFERENT CLUBS IN THE SOUTH SIDE HAD DONE ANYTHING EXCEPT PLAY BALL AGAINST ONE ANOTHER! BUT THEN EVERYTHING CHANGED...



ROOKIE COP

...AND SO WE GOT AWAY! WHY ARE THEY FIGHTIN', CROWN?
I DON'T KNOW, BILLY, BUT THOSE BOYS ARE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR TROUBLE! AND I HAVE A FEELING SOMEBODY'S PUSHING THEM!
WHAT HAPPENED, SAM?
IT'S THOSE NO GOOD ELLIS AVENUE KIDS! THEY'RE RUNNIN' WILD! ONE OF THESE DAYS THEY'LL COMMIT A MAJOR CRIME!
IT SURE LOOKS THAT WAY! BUT WHY SO ALL OF A SUDDEN?
BILLY, I WANT YOU TO GET ALL THE BOYS TOGETHER! I WANT TO TALK TO THEM!
SURE THING, MATT!
THANKS FOR COMING, BOYS! THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO DO FOR ALL OF US! I HAVE TO KNOW WHO'S BACK OF STARTING THE GANG WAR! I FEEL SURE IT'S AN ADULT! AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY HE'S DOING IT!
SURE, MATT-- BUT HOW CAN WE FIND OUT?
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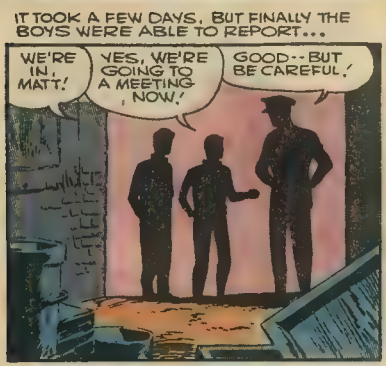
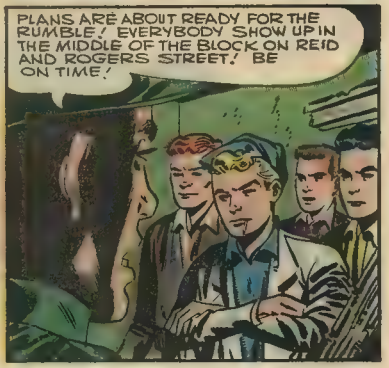
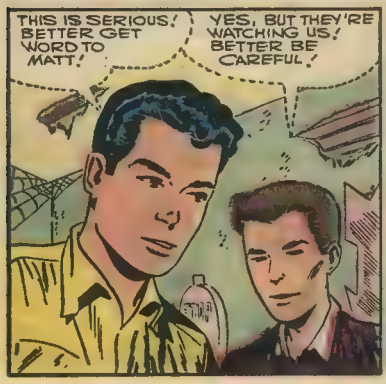
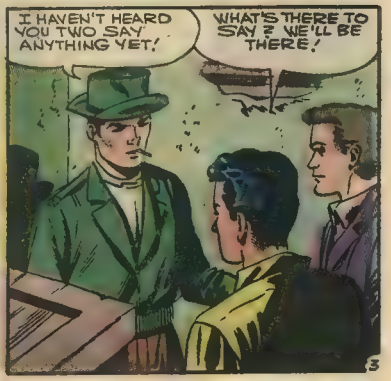
IT'S A LITTLE DANGEROUS, BOYS, BUT I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE ELLIS AVENUE GANG! THIS WAY YOU'LL BE IN ON THEIR PLANS!

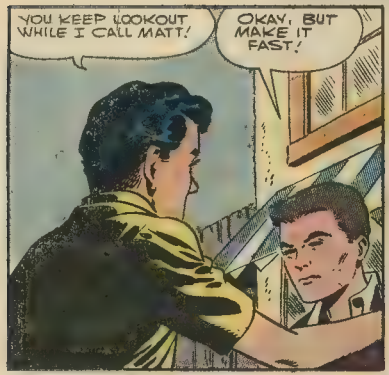
WE TWO WILL TRY-- BUT I THINK THE REST SHOULD STAY HERE! OTHERWISE THEY'LL GET SUSPICIOUS!
OKAY, BUT KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ME ALL THE TIME!

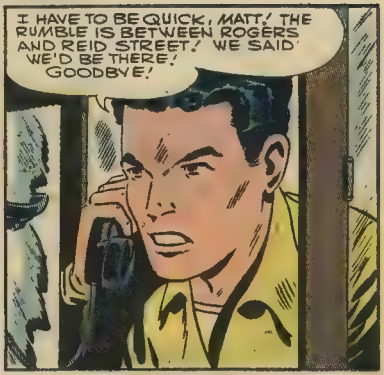

IT TOOK A FEW DAYS, BUT FINALLY THE BOYS WERE ABLE TO REPORT...
WE'RE IN, MATT!
YES, WE'RE GOING TO A MEETING, NOW!
GOOD--BUT BE CAREFUL!

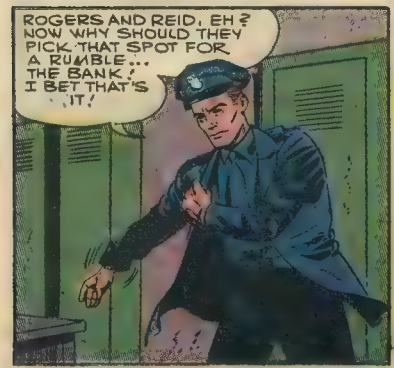

PLANS ARE ABOUT READY FOR THE RUMBLE! EVERYBODY SHOW UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK ON REID AND ROGERS STREET! BE ON TIME!


THIS IS SERIOUS! BETTER GET WORD TO MATT!
YES, BUT THEY'RE WATCHING US! BETTER BE CAREFUL!

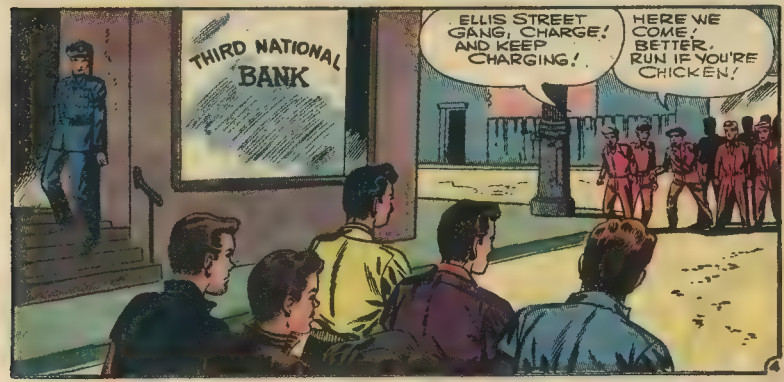

I HAVEN'T HEARD YOU TWO SAY ANYTHING YET!
WHAT'S THERE TO SAY? WE'LL BE THERE!


YOU KEEP LOOKOUT WHILE I CALL MATT!
OKAY, BUT MAKE IT FAST!


I HAVE TO BE QUICK, MATT! THE RUMBLE IS BETWEEN ROGERS AND REID STREET! WE SAID WE'D BE THERE! GOODBYE!


ROGERS AND REID, EH? NOW WHY SHOULD THEY PICK THAT SPOT FOR A RUMBLE... THE BANK! I BET THAT'S IT!

...AND I THINK IT'S WORTH A TRY, CAPTAIN!
YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING THERE, CROWN, WE'LL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE!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ELLIS STREET GANG, CHARGE! AND KEEP CHARGING!
HERE WE COME, BETTER RUN IF YOU'RE CHICKEN!

ROOKIE COP

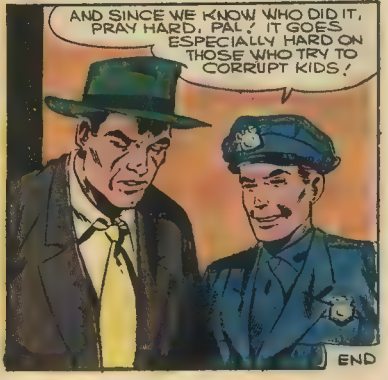
NOW, MEN! YOU BREAK UP THE FIGHT WHILE I LOOK AT THE BANK!

THAT'S ENOUGH, KIDS! YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN!
LET ME GO, COP! LET ME GO!

LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT!

STAND STILL, EVERYBODY!
WHAT WENT WRONG? HOW'D HE GET HERE?

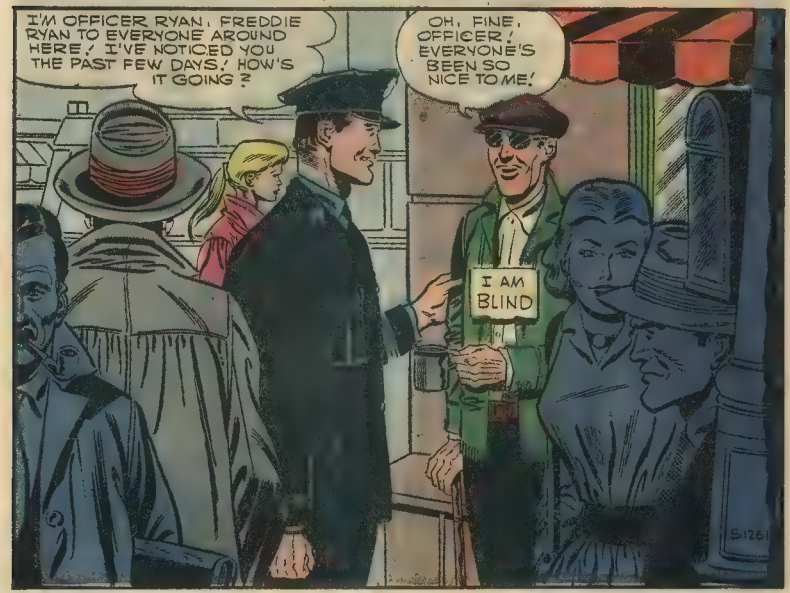
SO YOU THOUGHT THE RUMBLE OUTSIDE WOULD LET YOU MAKE THE SCORE IN HERE, EH? NOW WE KNOW WHY THE ELLIS STREET GANG GOT STARTED!


AND SINCE WE KNOW WHO DID IT, PRAY HARD, PAL! IT GOES ESPECIALLY HARD ON THOSE WHO TRY TO CORRUPT KIDS!
END

ROOKIE COP

BEGGAR ON THE BEAT

IT'S ALL PART OF THE JOB FOR THE PATROLMAN, HE GETS TO EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE ON HIS BEAT, EVEN A NEW BEGGAR IS HIS CONCERN...


I'M OFFICER RYAN, FREDDIE RYAN TO EVERYONE AROUND HERE, I'VE NOTICED YOU THE PAST FEW DAYS, HOW'S IT GOING?
OH, FINE, OFFICER, EVERYONE'S BEEN SO NICE TO ME.
I AM BLIND
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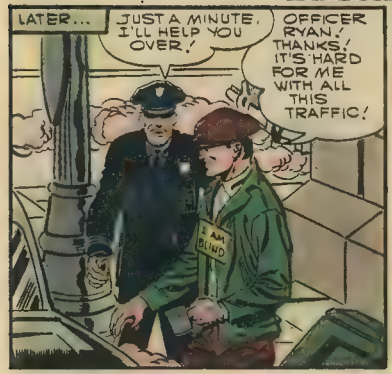
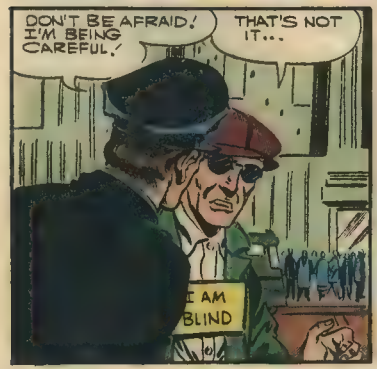
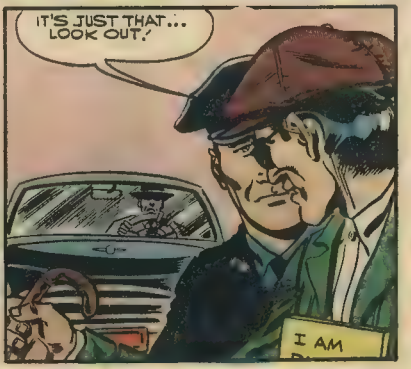
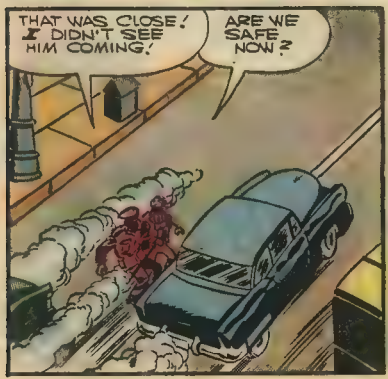

LATER...
JUST A MINUTE, I'LL HELP YOU OVER.
OFFICER RYAN, THANKS, IT'S HARD FOR ME WITH ALL THIS TRAFFIC!
I AM BLIND

STEP DOWN OFF THE CURB, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW.
OKAY!


DON'T BE AFRAID! I'M BEING CAREFUL.
THAT'S NOT IT...
I AM BLIND


IT'S JUST THAT... LOOK OUT.
I AM


THAT WAS CLOSE! I DIDN'T SEE HIM COMING.
ARE WE SAFE NOW?

YOU SAVED US THAT TIME -- BUT YOU'RE BLIND! HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT CAR WAS COMING?
BECAUSE OF MY BLINDNESS, MY HEARING IS VERY KEEN. I COULD HEAR HIM BEARING DOWN ON US.

ROOKIE COP

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE... AND I'M NOT SURE I DO...
I'VE BEEN WATCHING HIM FOR TWO WEEKS NOW. HE ALWAYS FACES THE SAME WAY AND HE ALWAYS SHOWS UP AT EXACTLY 9:30 AM AND LEAVES AT 4:30 PM. FUNNY. BECAUSE THAT WAY HE MISSES MOST OF THE PEOPLE...
I AM BLIND
GOOD NIGHT, MR. HORNER. ON TIME AS USUAL I SEE.
THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER. 9:30 TO 4:30-- THAT'S MY DAY. GOOD NIGHT.
JEWELR
I AM BLIND
THAT'S THE DEAL. I'M SURE OF IT.
I AM BLIND
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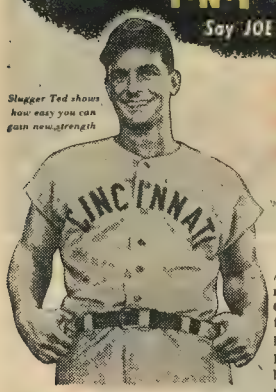

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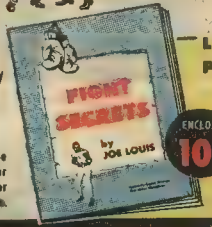

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HEY! HE'S LATE! IT'S TEN O'CLOCK AND HE'S NOT HERE YET!
JEWEL
HORNER'S JEWELRY STORE? I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO MR. HONER!
SORRY, MR. HORNER IS LATE THIS MORNING. WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM YET!
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COME ON, RYAN! WHERE'RE WE GOING?
638 LAUREL LANE AND STEP ON IT!
RIGHT!
POLICE
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ROOKIE COP

THERE THEY ARE! COME ON!
COPS! HOW'D THEY GET HERE?
STAND STILL OR WE'LL SHOOT!
RYAN! HOW'D YOU KNOW?!
NEVER MIND! WHERE'S MR. HORNER?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU KNEW!
IT WAS EASY -- I GOT THE NOTION HE WASN'T BLIND WHEN HE PULLED ME AWAY FROM A CAR I HADN'T SEEN! AND THEN I NOTICED HE WAS ALWAYS NEAR YOUR STORE! HE CAME WHEN YOU DID AND LEFT WHEN YOU DID...
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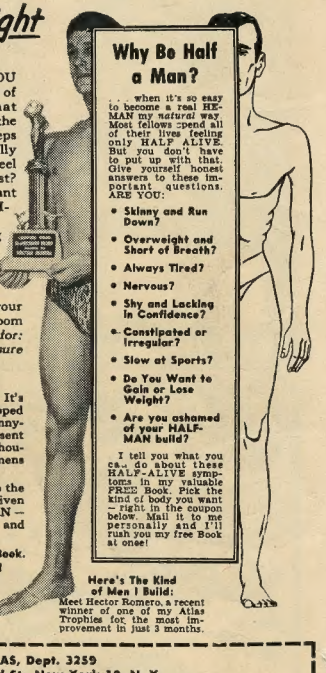

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